(ATN) on the P.A.C. Report, regarding the remedial action taken, shall be submitted within six months. Work has been initiated on the preparation of the A.T.N.

Steep Decline in Growth Rate of BEL

2005. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep decline in the rate of growth of the public sector unit Bharat Electronics Ltd;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible therefor; and

(c) what measures are being contemplated to ensure a healthy rate of growth which was being witnessed by this unit during the past several years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. The Value of Production and the Value of Sales of BEL during the last 3 years at current prices was as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Value of Production	Value of Sales
1989-90	694	645
1990-91	700	724
1991-92	701*	724*

*(Provisional)

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Company proposes to adopt the following measures to ensure its healthy growth:

(i) Diversification into civilian markets for items such as Telecommunication (Switching), Medical electronics, Satellite Communication, Consumer Electronics and Systems Engineering;

(ii) Entering into/ undertaking joint ventures/joint development prorgammes with a view to expand domestic and export business;

(iii) Updating of technology through Transfer of Technology;

(iv) Expansion of existing facilities for identified items; and

(v) Strengthening the marketing cadre.

Indictment of Ministry of Defence by the Public Accounts Committee

2006. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Accounts Committee has indicted the Ministry of Defence for its failure to develop and produce a trainer Air Craft, which has entailed a huge infructuous expenditure of Rs. 27 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government have tried to find out as to who is accountable for such a big wastage;

(c) what action is being contemplated against those who are responsible for this; and

(d) what is being done to ensure that such wastages are not allowed in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) The Public Accounts Committee (1991-92) in its Twenty-Fifth Report (Tenth Lok Sabha), laid in Rajya Sabha on 30-4-92 observed that the

expenditure of about Rs. 37 crores incurred on the development and manufacture of a trainer a|c was infructuous, considering the delay in the completion of development and manufacture activities etc. The delay in the implementation of the project, leading to time and cost over-runs was due, *inter-alia*, to the crash of the prototype, during one of its fights, in Dec. 1982 and the strike and lock-out in H.A.L. To avoid recurrence, all Projects are kept under regular monitoring. However, such failures cannot be altogether ruled out in a development and production project in an high tech area.

Expenditure Incurred on Journeys by Prime Minister and Defence Minister

2307. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the details of the expenditure incurred on journeys of Prime Minister and Defence Minister, both outside and inside the Country, during the periods (i) between December 1989 to October 1990 (ii) between November 1990 to June 1991 and (iii) between July 1991 to March 1992, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): ..

(i) During the period from December 1989 to October 1990, the Prime Minister was also the Defence Minister . The expenditure incurred on the PM's journeys within and outside the country is as below :

Inside the Country	*Outside the Country*
Rs. 2,35,055,00*	Rs. 3,20,00,000

(*ii*) During the period from November 1990 to June 1991, the Prime Minister was also the Defence Minister. The expenditure incurred on the PM's journey with in and outside th coufltry is as be.ow :—

Inside the Country	*Outside the Country*
Rs. 5,91,32,535,007*	NIL

(iii) During the period from July 1991 to March 1992, the expenditure incurred on the journeys of the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister is as below :—

Prime Minister		*Defence Minister*	
Inside the Country	*Outside the Country*	*Inside the Country*	*Outside the Country*
Rs. 2,27,23,108.00*	Rs. 8,69,40,00.000*	Rs. 15309.00	Rs. 19817.00
Daily allowance drawn	Nil	Rs. 546.00	Rs. 14717.00

Note : Both the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister are entitled to free of cost use of Service Aircraf', in discharge of their official functions. Accordingly, such jounreys involving use IAF aircraft / helicopters are not build.

* Not being official journeys of the PM's the amounts have been billed to the concerned political parties.